



Morning Highlights

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Alaska General Wildland Fire Summary

The Chakina Fire (near McCarthy) is now fully demobilized and is in monitor status. The Hard Luck Creek Fire near Fairbanks and the Railbelt Complex near Nenana are still staffed. Both fires have been receiving rain. Firefighters are rehabilitating fire lines and preparing for demobilization.

There has been no major change from last week in the wildland fire summary. No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Monday. According to AICC, so far this year 511 fires have burned 2,934,453 acres statewide. Fifty-seven fires are still active in Alaska. The Railbelt Complex and the Hard Luck Creek Fire are the only fires currently staffed. For information about individual incidents, visit:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.

National Wildland Fire Summary

According to the National Interagency Coordination Center, initial attack activity remains light nationally. One new large fire was reported in Wyoming. Three large fires were contained: one each in California, Nevada, and Washington. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Molumby) is assigned to the Terrace Mountain fire north of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Twenty smokejumpers are assigned to Fort St. John, British Columbia. For more information about the national wildland fire situation, visit:

<http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> or http://www.nifc.gov/fire_info/nfn.htm.

Support for Canadian Firefighting Efforts

Two Alaska Division of Forestry fire crews are heading to British Columbia to help battle wildfires. The Pioneer Peak Hotshots and the Alaska #1 crew, a combination of Gannett Glacier Type 2 crew members and other wildland fire technicians from several areas in Alaska, are expected to start their assignment in Canada on Wednesday. Personnel on individual orders are expected to fill additional support positions as fires continue to burn. For information about the Canadian wildland fire situation, visit: <http://www.cifffc.ca/> or <http://bcwildfire.ca/>

Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

- Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials:
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: www.muni.org/fire
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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